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INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to evolve an Integrated Communication Policy addressing all the telecom services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): To provide an integrated approach in the communications sector, it is proposed to prepare a new comprehensive statute to replace the Indian Telegraph Act 1885, keeping in view the rapid convergence of telecom, computers, television and electronics. The draft Bill, which is still under finalisation, inter alia envisages the establishment of a single autonomous statutory body to be known as the Communications Commission of India to regulate the carriage and content of communications (including telecommunications, broadcasting and multimedia). According to the present provisions of the draft Bill, the Commission would inter alia be empowered to issue licences or registrations, determine licence and registration fees, tariffs and rates for services, allot spectrum, facilitate competition, protect consumer interests, etc.